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DOLE RECOMMENDS COOPER EVANS FOR USDA UNDER SECRETARY POSITION

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today urged Secretary of Agriculture Dick Lyng to appoint former Congressman Cooper Evans of Iowa as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development.

"Cooper not only has a strong working knowledge of the problems facing America's farmers today, but he has established a reputation as an outstanding administrator, a quality I believe is essential in managing the programs within the purview of the Under Secretary position, such as the Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration and Federal Crop Insurance," said Dole in a written letter to Lyng.

Dole also wrote Lyng that "the appointment of such an eminently qualified individual from Iowa will send a clear signal -- to the farmers in Iowa particularly -- that this Administration has not forgotten its commitment to work with and improve the quality of life for America's rural population."

Evans, a three-term Congressman from Iowa's third district served on the Conservation, Credit and Rural Development, and Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittees of the House Agriculture Committee during the 99th session of Congress.

Dole consulted with Iowa Senator Charles Grassley in making the recommendation.

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